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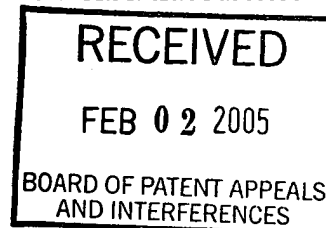


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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/199,129 filed November 24, 1998
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules
Associated with Plants
Applicants: Joseph R. BYRUM *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16517.140



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Respectfully submitted,

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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

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